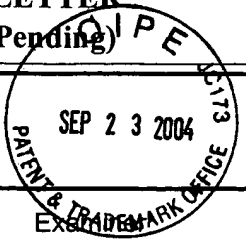


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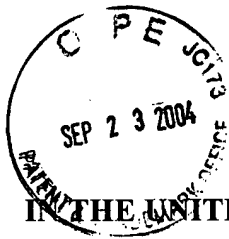
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 19, 2004. Applicants request amendment, reconsideration and allowance of the patent application.

The Notice objected to the amendments to the drawings submitted in the Response to Office Action dated July 28, 2004. The Notice requires submission of only the corrected section of the allegedly non-compliant amendment, that is, the Amendments to the Drawings section. Accordingly, this Response only includes a revised Amendments to the Drawings section of the July 28 Response.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call Applicants' Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

Amendments to the Drawings begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Response.